Guidelines for imposition of President's Rule in the States

1856. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
DR. Y. LAXMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down any guidelines for imposition of President's Rule in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the guidelines are likely to be laid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The President's rule in the States is imposed in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of India. The issue relating to amendment of article 356 of the Constitution of India is, however, presently under consideration of the Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council.

Blasts in Kokrajhar in Assam

1857. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blasts in Kokrajhar and other areas of Assam during this year; and

(b) the present political situation of the State and measures taken to contain violence in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The State Government has informed that during the year 1997 five bomb blast incidents have occurred in Assam.

(b) Government has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in Assam under control. These include, *inter-alia*, deployment of Paramilitary Forces and Army in the State, Coordinated action by Army, Paramilitary & State Police for Counter insurgency operations, declaration of United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) and National Socialist Council of Nagaland [NSCN(I)] as unlawful associations under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made. This has helped to improve the situation in Assam.

डी०आई०जैड० क्षेत्र की सड़कों की मरम्मत करना

1858. श्रीमती मालती शर्मा: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि डी०आई०जैड० क्षेत्र, सेक्टर 4 में ब्लाक संख्या 1 से 8 तक की सड़कों की पिछले कई वर्षों से मरम्मत नहीं की गई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मो० मकबूल डर): (क) और (ख) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्। डी०आई०जैड० क्षेत्र के सेक्टर-4 में अधिकांश सड़कों और सर्विस लेनों पर मार्च-अप्रैल, 1996 में पुनः सतह बिछा दी गयी थी।

Withdrawal of 'Z' category security

1859. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Z' category security has been withdrawn in some cases of VIPs and their relatives; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The need for security and scale of security arrangements provided to individuals facing threat are reviewed periodically. This is a continuing exercise. The security arrangements are

modified/withdrawn as warranted from time to time.

Taping of Phones by Delhi Police

1860. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has been taping conversations on cellular phones which is in violation of the orders of the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, the reasons for violating the orders of the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Special protection to Women under Cr. P.C.

1861. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission of India has made recommendations in its 154th report on the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, for giving special protection to women;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to accept and implement them in the larger interest of women; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is receiving attention of the Government.

Recommendations of NHRC on daily diet to undertrials prisoners

1862. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission had recommended to the States to provide daily diet worth Rs. 12 or 16 to all the undertrial prisoners;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations;

(c) the value of diet presently given to the prisoners; and

(d) by when the said recommendations would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission has worked out a suitable diet chart in consultation with National Nutrition Institute, Hyderabad. Keeping in view minimum food requirements as per food habits in different regions, a balanced diet chart was prepared for persons held in police custody. Though both vegetarian and non-vegetarian scales were worked out, the Commission recommended only vegetarian diet and the cost comes to Rs. 16/- per day. The Chairman, National Human Rights Commission has written to all the Chief Ministers of States on October 25, 1996, to revise the diet allowance of the prisoners in police lock-ups and endorsed the views of the National Nutrition Institute, Hyderabad.

(c) and (d) 'Prisons' being a State subject, State Governments run their administration as per the provision contained in their State Jail Manuals. Each State has its own standard as per the local requirements for the diet given to the prisoners. The Central Government does not maintain figure relating to the value of diet given in each State. This being a State subject, it is for